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Mr. Herman Kogan
SHOWCASE - Book Week
Chicago Sun-Times
401 N. Wabash Ave.,
Chicago, Ill. 60611

Dear Mr. Kogan:

Enclosed is my response to Elmer Gertz's letters of April 28 and May 4. I ask that you keep all references to Clay Shaw in Strictest confidence. I presume Mr. Gertz has sent you a copy of his earlier letter. If he has not, I suggest that, when he knew I had sent you a copy of mine to him, you ask yourself why he failed to do so.

I am not about to sue you for libel. But I call to your attention that Mr. Gertz does not deny my charge that he did libel me. In the absence of any suggestion that I was part of any "frame-up" of Clay Shaw, and with the abundant available evidence that the contrary is true, I believe this is a malicious manufacture. Especially is this true when it is utterly irrelevant to any "review" of my book on the King assassination.

I regret that decent concern for his own ethics has not stirred Mr. Gertz to do what he can to relieve this considerable and deliberate damage. I do hope your and the Sun-Times' standards, especially in the absence of compulsion, for I will not sue, are closer to the tradition of our calling.

Sincerely

Harold Weisberg

cc: Elmer Gertz